

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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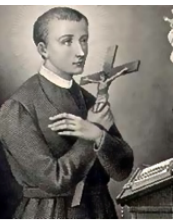
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Confession: Tuesday to Saturday 8:20am-8:50am also Saturday prior to & after Mass until 10:30am

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## Divine Mercy Sunday - Mass Readings (Year A) - April 12, 2026

**Entrance Antiphon:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### First Reading - Acts 2: 42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

### Second Reading - 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen Me, but still believe. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Reading - John 20: 19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/> or see the Safeguarding Officer. "Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

### *Prayer to Saint Gerard Majella*



**Great protector of the family, Saint Gerard, we ask your prayers for all parents, that they may receive the grace to live in the love of God and bring up their children to know and love Him with all their hearts. We ask you to pray also that those who take the lives of unborn innocents, and attack the dignity of motherhood, may come to see the error of their ways, and that all may value the true holiness of Christian family life. God, our loving Father, Your love gives life to the world.**

**Bless and make holy all human love, especially the life-giving love of husband and wife. May Your love fill the hearts and homes of all families, so that the world may enjoy the peace and happiness promised by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Permanent Diaconate Information Session - 2 May 2026** - The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 50+, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. To be held Saturday, 2nd May, 10.00am–11.30am in person at The Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne. Email: Deacon Kevin Pattison [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au) with full name and parish. All are welcome.

**The Secret of the Holy Face Australian Tour.** Fr Lawrence Carney, author of *The Secret of the Holy Face*, has dedicated many years to promoting and teaching this powerful devotion. Fr Carney will share the history, meaning, and spiritual significance of the Holy Face devotion and how simple daily prayers can become a profound act of reparation and renewal in our world. To be held: 26 & 27 April. Locations: Blackburn North, Mill Park & Caroline Springs. Free tickets for entry / donations to be collected after talk. Books and merchandise available (cash sales). Contact: Evelyn Ogilby 0405 156 971.

**DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL DINNER PROGRAM**  
Listening To: The Voices That Echo the Glory of God through Peace & Mercy. DATE: Wednesday 29th April. VENUE: Graduate's Restaurant, St John's Regional College, Caroline Street, Dandenong. Arrive: 5.30pm for 5.45pm start. COST: \$48 per person. 3 course meal, wine & Beer. GUEST SPEAKER: Dalal Smiley - Wellsprings for Women CEO. RSVP: Friday 24th April to Paddy 0422 296 961 or e-mail: [dandenongdeanery@live.com.au](mailto:dandenongdeanery@live.com.au)

**God and Beer Monday 13th April - Leadership Lessons from Footy, Family and Faith** - At the next God and Beer, Steve Lawrence will speak on the theme of Catholic Leadership: what it means to lead with faith, courage and integrity in today's world. Drawing on his experience in being a husband and father, faith ministry, education and leadership formation, Steve will explore how ordinary Catholics can become the kind of leaders who strengthen families, parishes and communities. **About Steve Lawrence:** Steve Lawrence has spent decades forming and mentoring Catholic leaders. He has worked extensively in Catholic Youth Ministry and played a key role in World Youth Day Sydney 2008 as Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis. Along with his wife, Annie, he led the Emmanuel Community School of Mission in Rome, training young missionaries from around the world, and now leads the [Altum Leadership Group](#), which focuses on inspiring and equipping leaders in Catholic institutions. Oh yeah and he played in a [premiership for Hawthorn](#), no big deal. This promises to be an evening of good conversation, fellowship, and faith. We hope you'll join us! Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk At Notting Hill Hotel, [Steakhouse Room](#), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd., Notting Hill Tickets: [Free \(but limited\) - click here visit this link](#). God and Beer is an initiative of the [Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria](#)

**Since signing the Decree of Convocation of the Melbourne Synod by the Archbishop**, each week, we will share frequently asked questions regarding Synods.

#### **20. Synodality and the Eucharist**

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.

**21. Why the Church is embracing synodality now**  
The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.

#### **22. Synodality is a conversion**

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.

#### **23. Synodality and leadership**

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

#### **24. Synodality and trust**

Trust grows when people know their voices matter. Synodality helps rebuild trust within the Church and between the Church and society.

#### **25. Synodality is demanding**

Walking together takes patience, time, and effort. But the Gospel has never promised an easy path—only a fruitful one.

# MASS and INTENTIONS

## Saturday Vigil, 11th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass 5:30pm Annesley, Rita and Candice Fernando  
(Remembrance ✝)

## Sunday, 12th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass 8:30am Rita Culloden (Recently Deceased ✝)  
and Serge Savannah (Recently Deceased ✝)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Mass

Mass 5:30pm Antonio & Carmela Bruno (Remembrance ✝)

## Monday, 13th April

Mass 9:15am Antonio & Carmela Bruno (Remembrance ✝)  
and For the health of Michael Bruno  
and Serge Savannah (Recently Deceased ✝)

## Tuesday, 14th April

Mass 9:15am Giovanna McKercher (Remembrance ✝)  
and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Vailankanni from  
Isabelle, Christellae and Rosabelle D'Vaz and  
Luke Lewis  
and Serge Savannah (Recently Deceased ✝)

## Wednesday, 15th April

Mass 9:15am Ruby Anthony (3rd Death Anniversary ✝)  
and Rita Culloden (Recently Deceased ✝)  
and Serge Savannah (Recently Deceased ✝)

## Thursday, 16th April

Mass 9:15am Joe and Wilma Walles (Remembrance ✝)  
and Serge Savannah (Recently Deceased ✝)  
and Thanksgiving Mass from Santhosh Jose & Family  
for favours received

## Friday, 17th April

Mass 9:15am For the healing of Jackie Foulstone  
and Serge Savannah (Recently Deceased ✝)

## Saturday, 18th April

9:15am Elizabeth Gabriel (Death Anniversary ✝)  
and Serge Savannah (Recently Deceased ✝)

7:00pm Maronite Mass

## Saturday Vigil, 18th April - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 5:30pm Roger and Anne-Marie Dalta (Death Anniv. ✝)  
and Serge Savannah (Recently Deceased ✝)

## Sunday, 19th April - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:30am Rita Culloden (Recently Deceased ✝)  
and Giovanni Cardamone (Death Anniversary ✝)  
and Serge Savannah (Recently Deceased ✝)

Mass 10:30am Pro Populo - No Mass Intentions

Mass 3:30pm French Mass

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

## Please pray for...

**Our sick:** Heather Fernandez, Maria Tomaselli, Ricky Fagan, Jeanne Joseph, Anne Moorthy, Lynette Whetton, Lucia, Gration Vettivelu, John Keble, Pamela Chen, Michael Bruno, Steven Dickson, Derek Chater, Franca Rechichi, Robyn Coffey, Marion Quyn, David Naidoo, Barbara Daniells, Jackie Foulstone, Sean Van Twest, Damien Gerard Misquith,

## The recently deceased:

Ben Martin, Rita Culloden, Karine Johnston, Serge Savannah, Roberto Morando

## Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Carmela Tucci, Nicoletta Tucci

**\*\*The Funeral of Serge Savannah will be held on Tuesday, 21st April, starting with the Rosary at 11:00am, followed by the Mass.\*\***

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday, April 18**

Legion of Mary

**Saturday, April 25**

Gonsalves Family, Mario, Ignatius

## Weekly Collection

**April 5, 2026**

Thanksgiving: \$1,399.00

Presbytery: \$709.95

## Reading Roster

**Saturday, April 18**

5:30pm D. Franklin

**Sunday, April 19**

8:30am C. Becerra

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm B. Collins

**Saturday, April 25**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, April 26**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm M. Yallapa

**Confession will not be heard on Sunday or Monday.**

**Confession is heard Tuesday to Saturday from 8:20am to 8:50am including after the Mass on Saturday until 10:30am.**

# Daily Antiphons - Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Monday of the Second Week of Easter - April 13

**Entrance Antiphon:** Christ, having risen from the dead, dies not no more; death will no longer have dominion over Him, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are all who put their trust in the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* If then, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

## Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter - April 14

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* The Son of Man must be lifted up so that all who believe in Him may have eternal life. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into His glory, alleluia.

## Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter - April 15

**Entrance Antiphon:** I will praise You, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of Your name to my kin, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

## Thursday of the Second Week of Easter - April 16

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, when You went forth before Your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy are those who have not seen Me, but still believe! *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## Friday of the Second Week of Easter - April 17

**Entrance Antiphon:** You have redeemed us, Lord, by Your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

## Saturday of the Second Week of Easter - April 18

**Entrance Antiphon:** O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; He has shown pity on all people. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, I wish that, where I am, those You gave Me may also be with Me, that they may see the glory that You gave Me, alleluia.